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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: **Lutz Biedermann, ET AL.**

Appln. No.: **10/660,452**

Filed: **September 11, 2003**

For: **Invertebral Disk Prosthesis**

Attorney Docket No: **7948/16**

Examiner: **Wilse, David H.**

Art Unit: **3738**

Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in dup.); First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in dup.); Form PTO-1449 (in dup.); Fourteen (14) cited references;
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$180** for filing fee for Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Date May 12, 2006

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	B1	6,764,512 B2	07/20/2004	Keller	623/11.11	03/29/2001
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	B19	DE 42 08 116 A1	13.3.92	Germany	A61F 2/44	No
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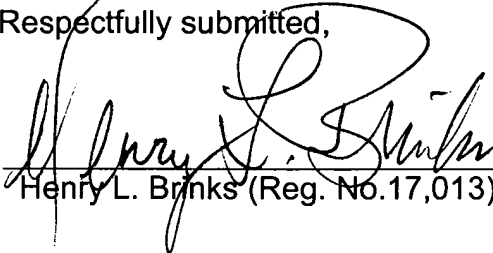
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (two sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Each of the listed references is in English, or an English abstract is provided. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicants have enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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